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1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) A method of clipping a claw nail of an animal, comprising the steps of:

providing a light source;

shining light from said light source through the claw nail to make positions of blood vessels within the claw nail observable; and

clipping at least one portion of the claw nail not containing a blood vessel.

9. (Original) The method according to Claim 8, wherein said step of providing a light source includes providing a clipper having cutting edges, wherein said light source is contained within said clipper adjacent said cutting edges.

10. (Original) The method according to Claim 8, wherein said step of providing a light source includes providing a light source that produces red light.

11. (Original) A method of determining the position of a blood vessel in the claw nail of an animal so that the claw nail can be safely clipped, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a light source; and

positioning the claw nail adjacent said light source, wherein said light source shines light through the claw nail and exposes a position of a blood vessel within the claw nail.

12. (Original) The method according to Claim 11, further including the step of clipping the claw nail while said light source shines light through the claw nail.

13. (Original) The method according to Claim 11, wherein said light source shines red light.

14. (Original) The method according to Claim 11, wherein said step of providing a light source includes providing a clipper assembly having cutting edges, wherein said light source is contained within said clipper adjacent said cutting edges.

## **II. Election**

The Applicant elects Group II, Claims 8-14 for the purposes of examination. The Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-7. The Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce the cancelled claims in a divisional, continuation or a continuation-in-part application.

## **III. SUMMARY**

If any further assistance or materials are required, the USPTO is requested to call the applicant's attorney at (215) 321-6772 in order that any outstanding issues may be resolved without the necessity of issuing a further Office Action.

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